

19th March 2020

Home Learning Resources and Support

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Government guidance yesterday, stating that all children with an EHCP will be able to access education during the national school closures, we will be **open with a reduced staff on Monday**. We will endeavour to stay open as long as it is operationally safe to do so.

We do, however, understand that some of our parents will be concerned and want to keep their children at home particularly if they are or live with someone who has a weakened immune system. Should you wish to keep your child at home, we are supportive of your decision and it will not be recorded as an unauthorised absence. We do ask, however, that you inform the office and do keep in touch with your child's class team via Bloomz.

Our staff are committed to your child's education whether they are in school or at home. If your child has a period of extended absence we want to stay in touch with our families and ensure we are doing all that we can to support you in these difficult times.

Teaching teams will be in touch and are on hand within normal office hours (**Mon-Fri 9am-4pm**) to advise or support with any questions you have about how best to support your child's development. In addition to this, there are a number of different ways we can provide you with activities or resources to help you and your child.

We have a school Pinterest page where you will find a wealth of activities for all areas of the curriculum and specific areas of development that you will be able to do at home with the things that you find around the house. These activities are great fun, but also highly practical and engaging. New content will be added regularly. You can find us at <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/cedarsa/>

Our Pinterest page also has some movement, fine motor and sensory suggestions. Tree Tops Children's Occupational Therapy, who are employed by the school, will also be adding a list of sensory activities to their website. You will be able to find them here: <https://www.treetopsoccupationaltherapy.co.uk/>

Teachers will provide more formal work and learning packs as appropriate via email and/or Bloomz.

You can also access a range of excellent online resources that have opened up free access for families during this time.

www.scholastic.com/learnathome

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer> (use the code UKTWINKLHELPS)

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/> (class teachers will be in touch if appropriate for your child with log in details)

<https://www.mathshed.com/> (Teachers will forward further details of how to access)

<https://www.spellingshed.com/> (Teachers will forward further details of how to access)

<https://www.nessy.com/uk/> (Teachers will forward further details of how to access)

<https://themuddypuddleteacher.co.uk/become-a-muddy-puddle-teacher/>

<https://phonicsplay.co.uk> (Username: March20 Password: Home)

<https://www.tts-group.co.uk/home+learning+activities.html>

We will post links to additional sites on our Facebook and Pinterest pages and via Bloomz, so please keep a look out.

In addition, we realise that an extended period at home out of the usual routine can be difficult for our children. For help or support around your child's well-being please see the list below.

Safeguarding and Welfare contacts:

Safeguarding and Welfare School Contacts:

Designated Safeguarding Lead KS1-4: elizabeth.neale@cedarstrust.org.uk

Designated Safeguarding Lead KS5: julie.vincent@cedarstrust.org.uk

KS1/2 Family Liaison Lead: rebecca.smith@cedarstrust.org.uk

KS3/4 Family Liaison Lead: helen.jarvis@cedarstrust.org.uk

KS5 Family Liaison Lead: james.jarvis@cedarstrust.org.uk

Families should contact their support worker directly if they have any welfare or safeguarding concerns

Children's Social Care: 0191 4332653

Early Help: 0191 4333319, 0191 4335019

Children's Disability Team: 0191 4333623

Looked After Children: 0191 4332750

Families who require advice or support regarding their child's welfare or safeguarding:

Children's Social Care: 0191 4332653

Out of Hours Social Care Support: 0191 4770844

Families who are concerned regarding emotional/mental wellbeing:

Children and Young People's Service (CYPS): 0191 2466913

We understand that the current situation is difficult and uncertain for everyone. The Governors and staff at Cedars are committed to supporting our children and families and they are doing their very best around their own personal circumstances to ensure that we remain open. Thank you for your continued support. Please take care.

Yours Sincerely



Martin Flowers

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